

from a variety of disciplines – dancers, writers, theater artists, and musicians – who have been part of the Asian Arts Initiative’s community over the past decade. Each will perform for 3-5 minutes, creating a fast-moving, many-voiced story of the art that has happened here.”

Out-of-town artists returning to Philadelphia to perform at the Initiative include Los Angeles-based **Dan Kwong**, whose 1998 residency resulted in the Something to Say performance workshop at the Initiative; **Anu Yadav**, a Something to Say alum and now an independent performance artist in Washington, DC; singer-songwriter **Kevin So** of Boston; poet and former Philadelphian **Jeffrey Lee** of Colorado; and a lively assortment of New Yorkers including comedian and poet **Regie Cabico**; dancer and spoken-word artist **Marian Thambynayagan**, performance artist **Tamina Davar**, and poet **Prageeta Sharma**. Philadelphia artists include dancer/choreographers **Roko Kawai**, **Pallabi Chakravorty**, and **Ju-Yeon Ryu**; writers **David Acosta**, **Nijmie Dzurinko**, and **Helen Hwang**; performance artist **Bekhyon Im**; the **SoRi-MoRi Korean Cultural Troupe**; and performers from the Initiative’s **GenerAsian Next** youth ensemble.

Begun as a program of the Painted Bride Art Center, the Asian Arts Initiative has grown into a thriving independent community arts center dedicated to building the political and cultural voice of the Asian American community. Over the past ten years, the Initiative has hosted public performances, community dialogues, gallery exhibitions, artmaking workshops for youth and adults, and training for artists to become educators and catalysts for social change.

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